

Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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Abstract

~~The invention concerns a~~ A device for transmitting, exchanging and/or routing data and/or information, in the context of industrial process and/or automation technology, between a first unit $[(A; B; C; D; E; F)]$ and at least a second unit $[(A; B; C; D; E; F)]$. One of those units $[(A; B; C; D; E; F)]$ is a transmitter or sensor supplying a measurement value for determining a physical or chemical quantity. Said units form part of a combined assembly or network $[(2)]$ of several units $[(A; B; C; D; E; F)]$ which communicate with one another directly or indirectly by means of at least one intermediate unit, each of the units $[(A; B; C; D; E; F)]$ comprising at least two physical communication interfaces $[(4)]$ and at least one microprocessor.